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## **GO SERV ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF AMERICORPS PLANNING GRANTS**

**SACRAMENTO** – The Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism (GO SERV) announced today that it has \$500,000 available in planning grants for organizations that want to develop an AmeriCorps program.

“Service is one of the most powerful tools we have to solve problems in our communities,” Executive Director for GO SERV, Chuck J. Supple said. “This money gives organizations the ability to tailor make an AmeriCorps program based on individual community needs.”

GO SERV planning grants will fund program development in order to help organizations compete for AmeriCorps grants later in the year. While grant recipients are not guaranteed future AmeriCorps grants, they will have the time and resources needed to develop an AmeriCorps proposal that is both competitive and community specific.

“By making this seed money available, we are helping people lay a solid foundation upon which to develop a solid program of service,” Executive Director Supple said.

GO SERV will consider planning grant applications that meet at least one of the following four priorities: programs that involve faith-based and/or secular community-based organizations, focus on preparing for or responding to emergencies, disasters and/or threats to homeland security, focus on recruiting and coordinating volunteers, or significantly expand the use of Federal Work Study funds for community service.

Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 5, 2002. For more information visit GO SERV’s Web site at [www.goserv.ca.gov](http://www.goserv.ca.gov), or call (916) 323-7646.

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